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Regarding:Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing, and handling of food"

We would like to make the following comments regarding this proposal:

1. We believe it is the consumer's right to have all the necessary information regarding the production of the food they purchase so they can make informed decisions.
2. In order to have the necessary information, it is essential that the product have adequate labeling regarding additives, treatments(such as pasturization), and chemicals that have been administered or added to the product from the farm to the table.
3. It is necessary for our peace of mind to be informed of irradiation of any food products that we might purchase. We will go out of our way to avoid these products, because we do not believe enough studies have been done for a long enough time frame for the government to say these products are safe. If someone else wants to be a guinea pig, that is fine, but we don't want to be.
4. Disposal of radioactive waste is a big enough problem now without adding more waste to the environment.
5. The labeling should be clear and prominent. It should use the terms "irradiated" or "irradiation". It should be on the front of the package and on the area of the package listing ingredients and additives. It should be on combination products that have other ingredients besides irradiated ones. The radura symbol should have a prominent place on the package.



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6. We are still disappointed that the government did not require milk producers and bottlers to label all milk that was obtained from cows receiving rBGH in a clear and prominent fashion.

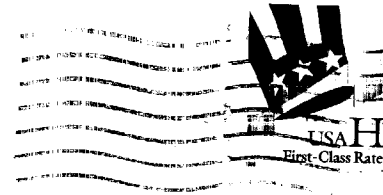
Please support the consumer's right to know. This gives the consumer a chance to make an informed decision.

Sincerely,

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